


Councilmember Jack Evans

A BILL

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IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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To amend, on an emergency basis, Chapter 8 of Title 47 of the District of Columbia Code to
eliminate the five-year filing requirement for the homestead deduction and senior citizen
deduction. 7 8 9

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act 10
may be cited as the "Homestead and Senior Citizen Real Property Tax Emergency Act of 2001". 11

Sec. 2. Chapter 8 of Title 47 is amended as follows: 12

(a) Section 47-813(d-1)(2) is repealed. 13

(b) Section 47-850 is amended by adding a new subsection (h) to read as follows: 14

"(h) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, the Mayor shall not mail 15
a five-year renewal application to owners of real property eligible for the deduction. Real property 16
which has been previously qualified to receive the deduction shall continue to receive the deduction 17
unless the real property shall cease to qualify for the deduction. The Mayor shall continue to receive 18
applications for the deduction on behalf of real property which shall become eligible for the 19
deduction." 20

(c) Section 47-863 is amended by adding a new subsection (h) to read as follows: 21

"(h) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, the Mayor shall not mail 22
a five-year renewal application to owners of real property eligible for the deduction. Real property 23

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unless the real property shall cease to qualify for the deduction. The Mayor shall continue to receive 2
applications for the deduction on behalf of real property which shall become eligible for the 3
deduction.”. 4

Sec. 3. The Council adopts the attached fiscal impact statement as the fiscal impact 5
statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved 6
December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Code § 1-233(c)(3)). 7

Sec. 4. This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by 8
the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), approval by the Financial Responsibility and 9
Management Assistance Authority as provided in section 203(a) of the District of Columbia 10
Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Act of 1995, approved April 17, 1995 (109 11
Stat. 116; D.C. Code § 47-392.3(a)), and shall remain in effect for no longer than 90 days, as 12
provided for emergency acts of the Council of the District of Columbia in section 412(a) of the 13
District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 788; D.C. Code § 1- 14
229(a)). 15